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Office Action Summary

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LA GESSE ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/24/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent; published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-21, 23-24 are reject under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bunker (U.S. Patent No. 6,944,859 B1).

4. For claim 1, Bunker teaches a method comprising: transferring a device driver file (col.9 lines 27-30) and a first portion of network-specific data from a station to a host computing device (col.6 lines 41-44 & col.9 lines 23-26; client's configuration data may comprise network data which is synchronized between client computer and handheld computer using client-handheld conduit); installing at said host computing device a device driver that is represented by said device driver file (col.9 lines 6-15); and transmitting a data block into a shared-communications medium that constitutes a network (col.4 lines 56-58 & Fig. 1), wherein said host computing device generates said data block and wherein said host computing device uses said device driver to transfer said data block to said station (col.9 lines 13-15 & col.10 lines 12-17); wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines said network (col.5 lines 16-19).

5. For claims 2 and 18, Bungert teaches displaying said first portion of network-specific data at said host computing device (col.10 lines 2-11; handheld computer may display the configuration data stored on the handheld).

6. For claim 3 and 19, Bungert teaches reading an AutoRun file and executing a Setup file, wherein said AutoRun file and said Setup file are stored on said station and wherein said Setup file is for installing said device driver at said host computing device (col.6 lines 64-67 & Fig.4 Memory 410 included component 420; installation procedure is automatically install that implicitly included the autorun file, setup executable to install file).

7. For claims 4 and 20, Bungert teaches device driver file is stored at said station in one of a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory, and a magnetic disk memory (Fig.3 Memory 310 included component 326).

8. For claims 5,10, and 21, Bungert teaches network-specific data define a security configuration and a network configuration (col.6 lines 12-14 & 19-21 & 41-44).

9. For claims 7,12, and 23, Bungert teaches the method of claim 6 wherein said network identifier is an IEEE 802.11 basic service set identifier (col.4 lines 61-65).

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10. For claim 8,13,and 24, Bungler teaches the method of claim 1 wherein a second portion of network-specific data resides at said station and is unreadable by said host computing device (col.8 lines 46-61; if the user is not valid, the client-handheld conduit is not installed. That means the handheld computer is unable to communicate with client computer. Thus the client data is unreadable from handheld computer).

11. For claim 9, Bungler teaches an apparatus comprising: a memory for storing a device driver file and a first portion of network-specific data (Fig.3 Memory 310 included component 326 and 330); a host interface for transferring said device driver file (col.9 lines 27-30) and said first portion of network-specific data to a host computing device (col.6 lines 41-44 & col.9 lines 23-26; client's configuration data may comprise network data which is synchronized between client computer and handheld computer using client-handheld conduit); and a transmitter for transmitting a data block into a shared-communications medium that constitutes a network (col.4 lines 56-58 & Fig.1), wherein said data block is received from said host computing device using a device driver that is represented by said driver file (col.9 lines 13-15 & col.10 lines 12-17); wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines said network (col.5 lines 16-19).

12. For claim 14, Bungler teaches the apparatus of claim 9 further comprising a host computing device for:

(1) installing said device driver (col.9 lines 6-15).

(2) generating said data block (col.10 lines 12-17).

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(3) displaying said first portion of network-specific data (col.10 lines 2-11; handheld computer may display the configuration data stored on the handheld.

13. For claim 15, Bunker teaches the apparatus of claim 9 wherein said memory is also for storing an AutoRun file and a Setup file (col.6 lines 38-40 & Fig.3 Memory 310 included component 328; installation procedure is automatically install that implicitly included the autorun file, setup executable file).

14. For claim 16, Bunker teaches the apparatus of claim 9 wherein said memory comprises one of a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory, and a magnetic disk memory (col.5 lines 20-21).

15. For claim 17, Bunker teaches an apparatus comprising: a station for: (1) transferring a device driver file (col.9 lines 27-30) and a first portion of network-specific data to a host computing device (col.6 lines 41-44 & col.9 lines 23-26; client's configuration data may comprise network data which is synchronized between client computer and handheld computer using client-handheld conduit); and (2) transmitting a data block into a shared-communications medium that constitutes a network (col.4 lines 56-58 & Fig.1);
a host computing device for: (1) installing a device driver that is represented by said device driver file (col.9 lines 6-15); (2) generating said data block; and (3) using said device driver to transfer said data block to said station (col.10 lines 12-17); wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines said network (col.5 lines 16-19).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

16. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

17. Claims 6, 11 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Bungler, and in view of Chefalas et al. (US Pub No. 20040015961 B1 hereinafter "Chefalas").

18. For claims 6, 11, and 22, Bungler teaches the method of claim 5 wherein said security configuration comprises authentication-related parameters (col. 5 lines 36-38), and wherein said network configuration comprises a network identifier (col. 5 lines 16-19; same communication circuitry using on client computer and handheld computer), but Bungler does not teach security configuration comprises encryption related parameter. However, Chefalas teach security configuration comprises encryption related parameter (0034 lines 8-10).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bungler's teachings by adding security configuration comprises encryption related parameter by Chefalas in order to ensure secrecy and protect communication and in addition encryption can be accomplished through the use of Secure Sockets Layer technology (Chefalas; 0034 lines 11-12).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Junchun Wu whose telephone number is 571-270-1250. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 – 17:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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